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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Richard J. Ernst  
 Serial No.: 10/687,451  
 Conf. No.: 8743  
 Filed: October 16, 2003  
 For: ROD HANGER FOR SECURING A ROD TO  
 A SUBSTRATE  
 Art Unit: 3632  
 Examiner: Epps, Todd Michael

*I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.*

February 9, 2007

Date

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Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	10	24	0	\$50.00	\$ 00.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$200.00	\$ 00.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00	\$ 00.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 00.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 00.00

Sir:

(X) Amendment E.

( ) A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

( ) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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# PATENT APPLICATION

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### AMENDMENT F

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2006, the Applicant through his undersigned attorney provides the following remarks.